

Administrative Notice DMMA 03-2009

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: March 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Nursing Home Private Pay Rate

BACKGROUND

The average usual and customary nursing facility charge for a private pay patient is calculated annually. This daily amount is used to calculate a monthly rate based on 30.42 days per month. These figures are used to calculate a penalty period when a Medicaid applicant has transferred assets for less than fair market value.

Note: This is not the average Medicaid per diem rate.

DISCUSSION

Effective May 1, 2009 the daily and monthly rates are:

Average daily cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$ 195.35
Average monthly cost to a private pay patient of a nursing facility in Delaware	\$5,942.55

ACTION REQUIRED

DMMA staff should use these figures when calculating a penalty period for applications filed on or after May 1, 2009. Review policy at DSSM 20350.3 and DSSM 20350.3.1.

DCIS II will be updated with these figures.

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